

# Sullivant Hall

Herrick Archives Number 106

## A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

### 1. Name

1.1 Officially named "Joseph Sullivant Hall" by Board of Trustees on December 4, 1970 in honor of Joseph Sullivant.

1.2 Alternate names noted:

Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society Building

Museum Building

Archaeological Museum

Undergraduate Library and Service Center

See Addenda Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4

### 2. Location

2.1 Located at 1813 North High Street. See map below.

2.2 For greater detail, see Sheet 98 in the book of campus maps in the University Archives.



For identification of other buildings shown, see Appendix A.

### 3. General Description

3.1 Type of construction:

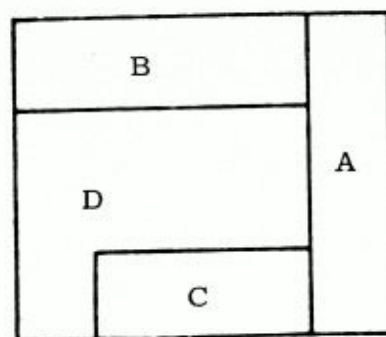
Steel frame with limestone exterior.

3.2 No. of stories:

Basement and three stories.

3.3 Increments of construction:

Built in four sections--see sketch.



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A--original building  
 B--1st addition (north or  
 Memorial wing)  
 C--2nd addition (south wing)  
 D--3rd addition (west wing and  
 auditorium)

3.4 Present area of building as shown in inventory records of Division of Campus Planning:

143,110 sq. ft. gross;  
 104,851 sq. ft. net assignable

See Addendum No. 5

3.5 Volume of building:

2,383,345 cubic feet (PP)

## B. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION--GENERAL STATEMENT

1. The original building and all three additions were constructed by The Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society (now the Ohio Historical Society). For this reason, University records are silent on many details of planning and construction.
2. The University Architect served as the project architect for the original building and the first two additions. For this reason, some information is available in records in the University Architect's office. Other information has been gleaned from other sources.

## C. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION--ORIGINAL BUILDING

1. On June 28, 1911 the Board of Trustees approved the request of The Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society to locate its new building on the campus.
2. On August 30, 1911 the Board of Trustees directed its chairman and secretary to contract with the Society for use of the University Architect in the preparation of plans for the new building. The Board on this same day appointed Joseph N. Bradford the first University Architect.
3. On September 26, 1911 the Board of Trustees approved the plans prepared by Joseph N. Bradford.
4. What appears to be a bid tabulation sheet is dated June 8, 1912 (A).
5. Contractors were as follows (A):  
 General: Dawson Construction Co.  
 Plumbing, heating, & sewer: William H. Conklin Co.
6. The cornerstone was laid at the opening of the 1912-13 school year (M 4:21 Oct. 1912).
7. The building was completed and accepted by the Society in December 1913 (Ibid .. 5:15 March 1914). In March 1914 the building was already open to visitors even though all the collections were not yet in place. (Loc. cit.)

8. The building was dedicated on May 30, 1914 (L 5/27/14).

## **D. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION--FIRST ADDITION**

1. On November 19, 1921 the Board of Trustees authorized the University Architect to prepare plans and related documents for the addition.
2. On January 11, 1923 the University Architect reported to the Board of Trustees by letter that D. W. McGrath & Sons had been employed under contract dated September 16, 1922 for partial construction of the addition. His letter described the addition and stated that the basement had been completed and the first floor started. He further stated that the Society would complete the wing under additional contracts based on subsequent legislative appropriations (T 1/11/23).
3. On August 31, 1923 the Board approved the completed plans and related documents.
4. Contracts for completion of the wing are dated December 4, 1923 and are with the following contractors (A):

General: D. W. McGrath & Sons  
Marble & tile: Wege Marble & Tile Co.  
Heating & plumbing: Huffman-Wolfe Co.  
Electrical: Edward H. Cobb

5. Final estimates on the above contracts were dated as follows (A):

Cobb: January 9, 1925  
McGrath: January 28, 1925  
Huffman-Wolfe: April 28, 1925  
Wege: June 15, 1925

6. The "last bronze memorial features were put in place in March, 1926" (M 17: 361 June 1926).
7. The formal dedication was April 6, 1926 (Loc. cit.).

## **E. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION--SECOND ADDITION**

1. On June 13, 1927 the Board of Trustees agreed to provide the services of the University Architect in preparing plans for an addition.
2. Bids were received on March 20, 1928 (A).
3. Contractors for the addition were as follows: (A)

General: Robert H. Evans Co.  
Marble & Tile: Wege Marble & Tile Co.  
Heating & plumbing: Huffman-Wolfe Co.  
Electrical: Paul L. Gilmore Co.

4. The addition was expected to be completed January 1, 1929 (M 20: 123, January 1928). Final estimates are dated in March and April 1929 with the last one dated April 19, 1929 (A).

## **F. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION--THIRD ADDITION**

1. On March 8, 1948 the Board of Trustees approved the plans prepared by Sims, Cornelius and Schooley.
2. Records in the files of Schooley Cornelius Associates (current successor to Sims, Cornelius and Schooley) show that the contractors were as follows:

General: Sheaf Construction Co.

Electrical: Gustav Hirsch Organization  
Heating & ventilating: Columbus Heating & Ventilating Co.  
Plumbing: Sauer, Inc.  
Elevators: Otis Elevator Co.

3. Beginning of work:

The Lantern on April 12, 1950 stated that the addition was begun "two years ago. "

4. Completion and occupancy:

4.1 Officially dedicated April 14, 1950 (L 4/17/50).

4.2 The Lantern on March 29, 1950 and again on April 12, 1950 reported that the addition was "recently completed." However, the account on April 12 stated also that work in the library portion "will be completed shortly. "

## G. TRANSFER TO THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

1. The Ohio Historical Society on October 30, 1970 transferred title to the building to The Ohio State University (T 11/6/70).

## H. COST

1. Records in the University Architect's Office show costs as follows:

Original Building    \$95,107.63

First Addition        240,488.66

Second Addition    133,206.72

Total                 \$468,802.41

2. The third addition is reported to have cost \$800,000 (L 4/12/50 and M 41: 5-6 May 15, 1950). If this figure is correct, the total would be \$1,268,802.41.

3. The building is carried on the University's records at \$1,000,000 (B), which is the amount appropriated by the General Assembly for purchase of the building (T 11/6/70).

## I. MISCELLANEOUS

1. The first addition (north wing) was known as the "war memorial wing. "

## J. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

X 1953--(original building from northeast)  
X 1758--(original building and first addition from northeast)  
X 1073--(air view from northeast)  
X 1072--(air view from southwest)

2. Other:

Hooper: 201  
L 9/17/12 (laying cornerstone)  
M 5: 30 (October 1913)  
M 15: 20 (March 1924)

John H. Herrick  
August 25, 1972

## ADDENDUM NO. 1

### Alternate Name

Ohio State Museum

### Remodeling

The Board of Trustees on May 7, 1973 approved plans for extensive remodeling of this building as designed by Hollie W. Shupe, University Architect.

Bids were received on November 20, 1973. (T)

On December 7, 1973, the Board of Trustees awarded contracts totaling \$2,571,986 to the following:

General: Payt Construction Company

Plumbing: Huffman - Wolf Company

Heating and air conditioning: Sauer, Inc.

Electrical: Mid-City Electric

The remodeled building was released to the Office of Campus Planning for assignment on June 13, 1975. (p)

John H. Herrick  
December 9, 1975

## ADDENDUM NO. 2

The Lantern on September 17, 1912 referred to this building as the "Archaeological Bldg."

John H. Herrick  
May 16, 1979

## ADDENDUM NO. 3

Old Campus Planning records list this building as "Ohio Historical Society Museum."

John H. Herrick  
July 24, 1979

## ADDENDUM NO. 4

Inspection of old campus maps reveals the following additional names for this building:

Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society Museum  
Ohio Museum  
Ohio State Museum  
Museum of the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society

John H. Herrick  
November 13, 1979

### **ADDENDUM NO. 5**

Campus Planning records now show the following areas for this building:

146,750 sq. ft. gross  
96,751 sq. ft. net assignable

John H. Herrick  
November 7, 1984

### **ADDENDUM NO. 6 - Sullivant Hall Renovation**

On October 4, 1991 the Board of Trustees adopted the Sullivant Hall plan. This remodeled the building to expand space for the Department of Dance, consolidate the West Campus Learning Resources Center with the Undergrad Library, and remodel the first floor auditorium.

Total Project Cost: \$3,025,000

Contracts awarded as follows:

General: Gutknect Construction Co., Columbus, Ohio  
Plumbing: Holdridge Mechanical Inc., Columbus, Ohio  
HVAC: J.A. Guy Inc., Dublin, Ohio  
Electric: Jess Howard Electric Co., Blacklick, Ohio